

SENATE EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Board of Public Education -- 2-15-1508, MCA (Political party balance required by statute.)

The board consists of 7 members who serve 7-year terms. Statute requires a geographic and political party balance. A member of the Board of Public Education may not be a member of the Board of Regents.

Erin Williams, 910 Ronald Ave, Missoula MT 59801 (Member)

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Appointment date: 2/9/2010; Term ends: February 1, 2017

Qualification: District 1 (Democrat)

Williams received her bachelor's degree in history and political science with a minor in German and her master's degree in counselor education from the University of Montana. She is a program director for Youth Homes, a non-profit agency. Williams served as chair and parent representative on the Kindergarten to College Work Group.

Please note: An individual appointed to the Board of Public Education on April 10, 2010, resigned from the Board on January 7, 2011, and a replacement will be named in the near future.

Doug Cordier, 1930 Tamarack Ln, Columbia Falls MT 59912 (Member)

Contact Phone(s): 406-892-6500, 406-892-3881

Appointment date: 1/26/2011; Term ends: February 1, 2013

Qualification: District 1 (Democrat)

Cordier is a high school counselor in Columbia Falls. He has a master of education degree from Northern Montana College (now MSU-Northern) and a bachelor's degree in recreation management from the University of Montana. He's a member of the Montana Counselors Association and the MEA-MFT, and has served on the board of the Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Columbus and the Samaritan House Homeless Shelter. Cordier is an enrolled member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Lila Taylor, HC42 Box 595, Busby MT 59016 (Member)

Contact Phone(s): 406-757-2236

Appointment date: 2/1/2011; Term ends: February 1, 2018

Qualification: District 2 (Republican)

Taylor served on the Board of Regents from 2003-2010, and also served in the Montana legislature. She received her degree in agriculture business from Montana State University. She has served in the Big Horn County Planning Board, Big Horn Hospital Campaign Board and the Spring Creek School Cooperative School Board. She is a member of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Farm Bureau and the Montana Agri-Women.

Board of Regents -- 2-15-1508, MCA (Political party balance required by statute, except for the Student Regent.)

The Board of Regents requires political and geographic balance. Each member serves a 7-year term, except for the student regent who serves from 1 to 4 years. A regent may not be a member of the Board of Public Education. The student regent must be a registered, full-time student at a unit of higher education under the jurisdiction of the regents. The student regent appointment is not subject to geographic and political balance and is to be chosen from a list of 3 students submitted by a student organization designated by the Board of Regents.

Angela McLean, PO Box 546, Anaconda MT 59711 (Member)

Contact Phone(s): 406-563-5269, 406-560-4498

Appointment date: 2/9/2010; Term ends: February 1, 2017

Qualification: District 1 (Democrat)

McLean teaches social studies at Anaconda High School. She earned a degree in social studies from Western Montana College and her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Montana. She's a national board certified teacher and serves as a facilitator for Montana educators seeking certification. In 2007, McLean was named Montana's Milken Educator of the Year.

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Teresa Snyder, 711 S 16th, Bozeman MT 59715 (Member)

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Appointment date: 7/1/2010; Term ends: June 30, 2011

Qualification: Student Regent

Snyder is enrolled in graduate school at Montana State University-Bozeman. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics and political science from MSU. An honor student, she was also student body president during the 2009-2010 academic year. Snyder is also a community volunteer for relief efforts and programs involving special needs and low income children.

Major Robinson, 3723 Glantz Dr, Billings MT 59102 (Member)

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Appointment date: 2/2/2011; Term ends: February 1, 2018

Qualification: District 2

Robinson is the owner of Redstone Consulting, a firm that provides organization, business and project development services to Tribes, Indian organizations and private businesses. Robinson previously served as acting coordinator of Indian Affairs and senior economic development specialist in the governor's office. He co-founded the Montana Indian Business Alliance, the Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance and The People's Partners for Community Development, and helped with the formation of the Indian Nonprofit Alliance. He was a member of the State-Tribal Economic Development Commission and the Governor's American Indian Nations Council. Robinson has also owned Red Shed Studios and the Teddy Bee Ranch Bed & Breakfast, and worked as the construction project manager for the Northern Cheyenne. Robinson earned a degree in architecture from the University of New Mexico and has lived and worked in Los Angeles, Tokyo, New York and Orlando, while working as a creative manager for companies such as Disney, Universal Studios, Landmark Entertainment, Iwerks Entertainment and Sussman & Prejza.